

# POCAHONTAS TIMES.

Presiding Elder Clark was in Marlinton Monday.

Read the advertisement of the Dunmore Business College.

Miss Sydnor and brother of Staunton are visiting F. M. Sydnor.

E. H. Hughes of Ronceverte, was in Marlinton Monday on business.

J. A. Sydenstricker and Geo. R. Richardson were in Monterey over Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. L. Eakle have returned from an extended visit to Bath County.

There will be a meeting of the stockholders of the Bank of Marlinton on Tuesday July 26.

Adam Woodell an aged and respective citizen of the Greenbank District died last week.

Bishop Peterkin preached in the Presbyterian church at Marlinton last Wednesday night.

Lewis Yeager, of Morgantown who was fishing on the head of Greenbrier has returned home.

A large number will take advantage of the excursion rates and attend Robinson's show at Ronceverte today.

The merre-go-round people folded their tents Monday night and went to Ronceverte after a profitable week in town.

The Democratic nomination for Congress seems to lie between Henry Davenport, of Clay, and W. H. Sawyers, of Hinton.

John Robb, of the firm of Robb & Judy who will close out their hotel equipment Saturday, will move his family to the Gay homestead above Marlinton.

W. W. Long, "The Poet of the Alleghenies," an old time newspaper man, is in Marlinton where he has secured a position on the Marlinton Messenger.

John Grogg a well known citizen of the Greenbank district died last week. His death is attributed to over indulgence of ice water when overheated.

A large force of bricklayers are now at work on the new hotel which is now one story high. It is thought the brick work will be completed by the middle of August.

Anstin Hambrick of Mill Point with his curly haired, blackeyed little daughter, aged 5, came to see us Tuesday. His wife has found it necessary to return to the Johns Hopkins Hospital for treatment.

An animated scene is described as having taken place on a train filled with delegates returning from the Wheeling convention. A leading Republican of McDowell county read a lecture to the nominee for Governor and declared that McDowell would give a majority of 2500 against him. Mr. Dawson like Uncle Remus's bear, "Grin like he feel bad."

A large quantity of pulp wood is being shipped from Cheat mountain to the pulp mill at Davis by way of Cass and Durbin. For a number of years the spruce forests on the Back water have been cut away and the mill has been supplied by the blackened stumps and snags left by forest fires, literally clearing everything from the ground which springs up in briars and round wood.

It will be a little warm next week to hold the legislature in Charleston and if the Senate should get restive and adjourn it will no doubt be on account of the excessive heat. The country members should be very careful of what they eat and drink—especially drink. A country member may drink with one city friend but he should see that his friends do not run in relays on him. There is no more tiring task than to take a drink with every man in Charleston on the same evening.

## The Durbin Tannery.

What will be one of the largest tanning plants in the State of West Virginia is now in course of erection a mile above Durbin, on the East branch of the Greenbrier river, by the Pocahontas Tanning Company, a corporation controlled by the Hoffman Brothers, of Germania, the largest independent tanning company in the United States.

Since ground was broken three months ago work has gone steadily forward until the foundations of the main buildings are now all under water, a number of the larger structure and the work of putting in vats and machinery begun.

The main building is over a thousand feet in length and a story high. In this building the hide passes through the various processes from the raw material from the hair house to the finished leather.

Work has been commenced on the engine and machine house, which will be of brick and iron and require a quarter of a million brick to build. There will be two engines, one of three hundred horse power and the other two hundred and seventy.

The foundations of all the buildings are of concrete, made from the Craigsville works which is used almost by the train load. The lumber is furnished by the local mills, much of it coming from M. P. Bock's mill at Boyer and E. J. Hoover's mill which is but a few hundred yards from the tannery site. Trouble has been experienced in getting it as quickly as it is needed.

Bark has already begun to arrive in large quantities and a number of immense ricks started. In handling and piling bark, Italian labor is largely used. The company, which bought 150,000 acres of timber land in Pocahontas, Highland and Randolph counties have saved many tracts conditioned on the sale of the bark. This insures a bark supply a uniform rate, regardless of competition or market fluctuations.

The water for the plant will be supplied from a large spring on the West branch of the Greenbrier which will be pumped a distance of three miles. Water can be had on the East branch at much less expense but the building of another tannery by the United States Leather Company above and the consequent pollution of the stream causes the company to go to the additional expense.

During the month of June over a hundred names were on the pay roll. The force will be gradually increased as the bark season advances and men can be secured. When in operation continuous employment will be given to about two hundred men, beside the number of extra men needed during the busier seasons and the hundreds of laborers indirectly employed in the bark woods.

The superintendent in charge of the works is J. W. Goodsell, a man skilled in the building and operation of a tannery and the handling of men. The book-keeper and time-keeper is O. D. Reynolds, of Marlinton.

## Weatherholtz—Hoover.

A picturesque scene was witnessed on the lawn of Inframonte cottage, Tuesday July 19, 1904 under the shadow of the trees when Charles Theodore Weatherholtz and Miss Edith Hazel Hoover were united in holy matrimony. The nuptial vows were pronounced by Wm. T. Price, D. D. at 11 a. m. while the parties remained seated in their carriage.

The groom is a native of Page county, Va. but for some years a resident of Pocahontas.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Hoover near Linwood and is a much esteemed young person with many friends to wish her well.

May all that a happy marriage implies be the portion of these young peoples in their new relations towards each other.

## Notice.

The Durbin church committee urgently requests that all persons having subscriptions with us for the erection of a church at this place, will favor us by remitting task to take a drink with every man in Charleston on the same evening.

## TEACHER'S INSTITUTE.

Meets in Marlinton August 8th.

County Superintendent J. B. Grimes informs us that the Teachers Institute for Pocahontas County will convene in Marlinton Monday, August 8, 1904, with Messrs R. M. Collins and H. F. Fleishman instructors.

The program as prepared by the State Superintendent is elaborate, and covers the whole field of the teachers' work as nearly as it is possible to do so.

One special feature will be the reading of papers on subjects which have already been given a number of the teachers.

The Superintendent makes an urgent request for the attendance upon the institute by all who expect to teach.

Thursday has been set aside as school officers day, and it is hoped that as many members of the Boards of Education and trustees as possible will make arrangements to come out to the Institute on that day.

## A Prize Apple Tree.

In Brown Lightner's orchard at Valley Centre, Va., there is an apple tree, possibly more than a hundred years old.

The fruit is not prized when there is a plenty of other apples, as it is so very sour and coarse. But when other fruit is scarce, then it comes in and tastes better than no fruit, by the use of plenty of sugar.

It is unusually tall and erect, branches with rare symmetry for an old time tree. Brown Lightner and the writer clasped hands around the tree and it came near being an armful for both of us, so it must be five or six feet in diameter.

As sweet apple tree lumber is a rarity Mr. Lightner has been advised to put it on the market as an ornamental wood.

## Historical Paper.

The writer greatly acknowledges No. 6, of the Series of Historical papers issued at intervals, by Washington & Lee University. Its contents are the History, of Washington College, 1830-37, written by Dr. W. H. Ruffner. Also papers relating to the Liberty Hall volunteers, prepared by Dr. G. B. Strickler and Col. A. T. Barclay.

As historian of Washington & Lee University, Dr. Ruffner's fame is assured, for it is no ordinary destination to have one's names associated with an institution so illustrious, and the chosen author of its history and as an honored alumnus. It will interest many of our readers, to hear that the National Encyclopedia of American Biography, contains an extended Biographical sketch of important services as minister, educator and scientist.

## Squire McElwee Holds Court

Squire McElwee held court in Marlinton Monday. The man in trouble was one Samuel Collins, whom the State charges with holding up Walter Cole with a shot gun and threatening to shoot him if he did not lay up a certain piece of fence, belonging to J. A. Reed and which Cole had permission from Reed to keep down in order that Cole's cattle might have the range of a certain hacking. The evidence showed that Cole did lay up the fence after some hesitation. It was also shown that the gun was not loaded, but the victim did not know it at the time. The court found a verdict in favor of the State and Collins gave bond for his appearance before the Judge of the Circuit Court.

## Davis and Elkins College.

Davis & Elkins college will open its doors for students in September. Prof. J. E. Hodgson of Washington & Lee, until recently a member of the University of West Virginia faculty, has been chosen president. Small effort will be made to secure students other than those living near the college as the dormitory buildings are incomplete. The institution is co-educational. The Davis Elkins College is destined to rank high among the educational institutions of the South, inasmuch as the promoters have the inclination and the funds to make it a success.

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## Cass.

The Presbyterian church will be dedicated Sunday July 24. Rev. Mr. Garrison, who is at present engaged in revival services, will preach the dedicatory sermon. Rev. Dr. Price and Rev. Mr. Fultz are also expected to be present. The church is commodious well build and nicely furnished. It is a credit to the town and a monument to the untiring efforts of the young pastor, Rev. Asa Watkins whose zeal in the cause of the gospel is commendable.

Mrs. Howard Arbuckle of Atlanta Georgia, is spending some time at Dr. Arbuckle's home, while her husband, Professor Arbuckle is in Scotland.

Mrs. Sizemore of lower Cass is dangerously ill at the hospital from an attack of peritonitis. Small hope is entertained for her recovery.

The bell for the new church, donated by the West Virginia Spruce Lumber Company, has arrived and a belfry for its reception will be built immediately.

David Finger the merchant, is in Horton this week.

Elizabeth Van Lear the little daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Arbuckle who has been so seriously ill, is better.

## Durbin.

Durbin is building steadily, the course of improvement taking its way from the West End to Durbin proper.

The postoffice will be moved as soon as a suitable building can be erected on a site near the depot.

C. G. Sulton is building a hotel on the bluff above the depot which he will be able to occupy in a few weeks.

The Durbin Mercantile Company has erected a large warehouse near the company's store. Though the building is about sixty feet long by thirty wide, a force large enough to erect in two days was employed.

Kenny Rexrode has bought J. H. Bird planing mill and wood working and is arranging to build dry kilns and shop.

J. H. Bird is building a six room cottage, having rented his hotel to Mr. Orndorff.

Wilmouth & Kerr will occupy their new store house about August 15.

Attorney W. A. Bratton, of Marlinton was in town Friday.

## Dunmore.

Grain and hay cutting seems to be the order of the day.

Mr. James Collins of Hosterman had the misfortune on last Friday night to have his dwelling house burned with all its contents. The parents barely saved their little child from the flames. Mr. George Hambrick also had 3 or 4 trunks of clothing, bedding, etc., burned, quite a loss to both and no insurance.

Bland Nottingham had his hand badly mashed one day last week while building a slide on Cheat mountain.

C. E. Pritchard and family are visiting at Bartow this week.

Mrs. J. K. Taylor fell last week and hurt herself badly.

T. P. Moyers will start to New York next week to lay in his fall goods.

Mrs. D. M. Brown of Green Bank is on the sick list.

Charlie Bixter has charge of the depot at Sitlington while H. G. Peck goes home.

Undertaker Swecker furnished a very handsome burial outfit Sunday for little Willie Cunningham, who died at his home near Greenbank, Saturday 18th, age 13 years. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. Blackhurst and Arbogast at the Arbogast church, he was laid to rest in the Arbogast cemetery. Willie was a bright boy and loved by all. The family has the deepest sympathy of the community.

A supper was given for the benefit of the Marlinton Band Friday night. About \$50 was netted which will go towards paying for the new instruments with which the band has lately been equipped.

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such as ladies and childrens, low quarter shoes.

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## Mill Point.

Mrs. Maggie Hamrick left last Thursday for John Hopkins Hospital, where she will undergo another operation, this is her third trip to the hospital.

Mitchel Dilley who has been confined to his room for the past two weeks with bilious fever, is some better at this writing.

Vinton Slaven is now a frequent caller at this place.

Messrs. R. S. and M. L. Ware accompanied by Misses Demma and Dollie Hogsett, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Grimes Sunday.

Some of our people attended Children's day services at Academy and report a nice time.

There is quite an interesting Sunday School in progress at Marvin Chapel.

Rev. Roberts will preach at Marvin Chapel, July 31st at 8 o'clock. All come out and hear a good sermon.

Sully, the dethroned cotton king who by his skillful manifestation put up the price of cotton about double and kept it there several months thereby increasing the cotton growers profit several hundred millions of dollars, and bankrupting himself, has formed a cotton handling company with a capital of \$20,000. The Manufacturers Record in an editorial comment says this is the most important announcements made in a long time connected with the development of the cotton growing states.

The new town of Bartow, terminus of the Greenbrier Division of the C. & O. is building up rapidly. Six dwelling houses have been let to contract and are in course of erection. A large store house, to be occupied by Mr. Lunsford, will soon be built. Hevener & Dudley, of Hightown who have a branch store a mile below Bartow, will build a large store house in Bartow in the near future.

A telegram has been received by Mrs. L. M. McClintic from her brother O. R. Slaven, of Hutchinson, Kansas, announcing the death of John Randolph, the year old son of Mr. and Mrs. O. R. Slaven on July 19, 1904.

## Words in the Language.

No one can say how many words there are in the English language, because, says the Springfield Republican, there are so many words of doubtful standing. The Century Dictionary contains about 225,000 words, and the new edition of the Standard Dictionary lays claim to over 300,000. Of these many are obsolete, and many others are rarely used. Science has added a vast vocabulary of polysyllables that are scientific formulae rather than real words. They have no place in general literature. The ordinary English vocabulary may be said to contain from 30,000 to 50,000 words, the latter estimate being larger. No single writer of literature has used so many words as the lower number named.

Shakespeare, whose vocabulary is larger than that of any other English poet unless it be Browning, used about 15,000 words, while Milton, whose range was narrower, employed only about half that number. The vocabulary of the illiterate has been set as low as 300 words, but this must be exceptional. It is more likely that the "ordinary workman" uses from 2,000 to 3,000 words, while of course he is familiar with several thousand more, which he recognizes in print, but does not himself use.

The common estimate of the average vocabulary of educated people is from 5,000 to 6,000, but in this case the number of words which are used is enormously increased. A well-read college graduate should be familiar with perhaps 100,000 words, while in the course of a year he might not use 5,000 of them in his writing or conversation. Shorthand reporters find about 2,500 word signs and contractions ample for representing the words which are commonly used in public speaking.

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